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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today has been one of the more memorable days of the year at school! I had the pleasure of listening to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes shuffle quietly down the corridor to come and see 8 adorable black Labrador puppies throughout this morning. To say that the children (and staff) entering and leaving the room were beaming with smiles, really would be an understatement! A massive thank you to Alfred and his mum for bringing them in and taking the time to share them with the children. Rumour has it that Rev. Estella has managed to nab one of them, so it's great to hear that at least one is staying in the village.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. Every class began by sharing a PowerPoint introducing the topic.

'Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.' Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre

As a school, we visit Online Safety twice a year, as well as continually speaking about it during Computing Lessons as we know that, with ever increasing technology, children need to be taught the skills to remain safe when using the internet or their devices.

Each class read a story which contained a hidden message about being safe online and then completed a short activity. You can read all about what happened on Miss Smith's blog [here](#) where you will also find links to resources which can support you at home.

Sports Report



On Tuesday 11th February, we went to Simon Langton Boys to compete in a Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament. Our first game was against Sheldwich 1. We luckily drew 0-0. Soon after we took a hard loss against Littlebourne 2-0. Next, we played Selling and a lucky goal by Gabe meant we won 1-0. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the semi-finals, but we had fun anyway.

(Gabe, Barnaby, Millie, Oscar, Elara, Leo, Hunter)



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



There were six of us that didn't know we were going to form a 3rd Bridge team. Our first match was against Wincheap but unfortunately, we lost 2-0. Our second match was against Chartham and we lost 4-0 but unluckily we then had two matches off. Our last match was against Bridge 1. Sadly, we lost again 2-0. It was an intense match. We all had so much fun there and we would love to go there again.

(Ella, Eva, Jax P, Ziva, Spiros, Jaxon H)



Our first match was against Chartham. We won 4-0 and were so happy because our team mates lifted us up. We had amazing saves by Freddie in goal and Chris shot a goal from the half way line. Reggie also scored some incredible goals as well as Bea scoring a goal. Then we moved on to our second match which we won 4-1. Our final group game was against Bridge 3. We were so upset because we didn't want to go against our best friends, but we had to do it. Reggie or Chris scored a goal then Lily just tapped the ball in. That meant we were in the quarter finals. We were so happy and nervous at the same time. Our quarter final match was against Littlebourne. We were tingling with joy. We scored an

amazing goal. We were in the Semi-Finals. We couldn't wait. Then we had a team chat and Mr Perfect said that we were going against Blean. He told us that Blean were a good team, so we needed to give everything we got! The whistle blew to start the match, and with support from our team that gave us strength. Then Crash.... into the goal for the other team. We tried our best but sadly we lost 1-0. We still had a chance in the play-off which was against Canterbury Primary. Reggie scored a goal. We were so happy, but they came back at us and scored. They were so close to scoring again but Freddie saved it. We also had to play an extra five minutes but no one else scored, so we did penalties. Chris scored and then the other team scored. Unfortunately, Reggie missed but we didn't mind. The other team scored and won. But we were so happy we could do it. We want to say a big thank you to Mr Perfect and Mrs Langsdon for taking us.

(Reggie, Finn, Lily, Freddie W, Bea, Freddie J, Chris)

The Butterfly Farmer



Last Friday, we were so fortunate to welcome Tom Delahunt back into school to share the upcoming launch of his new book, 'The Butterfly Farmer'. You will probably recall that last year Tom first came into school to share his book 'The Wandering Lamb', which shares the overarching theme of unconditional love and acceptance for our differences. You can watch a video of Tom reading the book [here](#).

His new book asks the question *Does the caterpillar know that one day he will become a caterpillar?* It focusses on change- the changes we see in the world around us- the changes in ourselves and how we (and others) respond to them.

As a school, we are going to be working alongside Tom to observe the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly and make links to ourselves along the way. We are going to purchase butterfly gardens to place around the school for all children to study the changes.

Tom would like to encourage you at home to either get your own butterfly farm, plant butterfly friendly plants in your garden, or donate one to the school for us to plant in our forest school, to really support this magnificent insect's future. If you do any of the above, please take pictures or ask your children to create some sort of record to share with us at school.

Thank you as always for your support in what we do in school in order to support, recognise and celebrate how different we all are.



RSPCA – Fundraising – Thank you from Talya

On Wednesday, me and my friends sold book marks for the RSPCA. The book marks cost 20p each and we had lots of customers. In total we raised almost £26! I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who bought one. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Talya for supporting such a worthwhile cause that is close to her heart and I am sure the money she raised will have a big impact! Well done Talya!



Skiing success

Last week, April from Year 3 was in Pila, Italy, taking part in the National Schools Ski event and competition. This was a fantastic opportunity for April and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience of challenging herself in a range of disciplines. Not only did she enjoy her time there, she also won the Slalom and Giant Slalom U8, an achievement which she (and us a school) are very proud of! Well done April!

World Book Day

Advance notice that we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March** this year. Children will be invited to dress up as a book character – more details to follow after half-term but I wanted all parents to have the date in their diaries.

I hope everyone has a fun and restful half term break!

All the best

Michael Taylor
Head of School

Celebration

Star Pupils

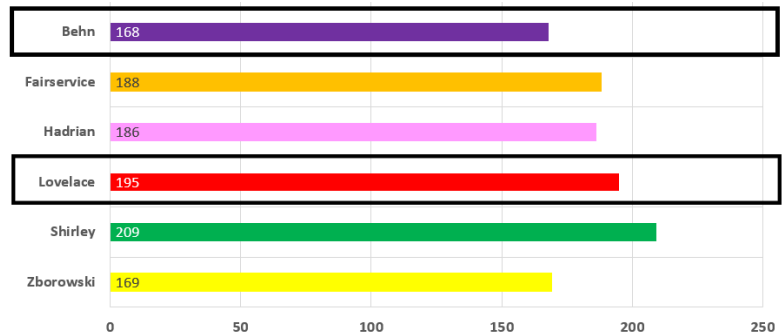
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Zachary R (Elm) for fantastic progress in his independent writing and always being ready for learning. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Rory M (Beech) for his fantastic poem about a bee which included rhyme and alliteration. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |
| ☆ Marla (Ash) for trying so hard with her writing – believe in yourself! <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Mickey M (Hazel) for settling into school brilliantly this term and becoming a great member of Hazel class! <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Pepi M (Willow) for her thoughtful prayer! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Elara T-S (Birch) for her excellent sewing and appliqué skills during our Faith Ringgold art project. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Maya B (Rowan) for her fantastic independent story in English. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Heidi N (Holly) for a fantastic Twisted Tale full of personification and emotive language! <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Mac (Pine) for all of the hard work and effort that you put into your writing at home and at school. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Pelham B (Maple) for writing an amazing ‘Twisted Tale’ – You had me hooked from the first sentence! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Oli G (Oak) for a brilliant first term at Bridge School and settling so well into Oak class. Well done! <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Louis E (Sycamore) for a carefully written and beautifully presented ‘War Child’ poem. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Nilan N (Chestnut) for his fantastic piece of work about Gurdwaras including a beautiful drawing. Well done <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Sulaiman B (Poplar) for an improved attitude towards his learning, including his handwriting – well done! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |

House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard and the numbers of house points are starting to ramp up. The results were shared with the children at celebration worship today.

Well done Behn and Lovelace house who earned the greatest number of house points this week.



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate with either myself or Mr Tibbles. This week's lucky six are:

- Dylan (Maple) – Shirley
- Cohen (Hazel) - Hadrian
- Reuben (Oakl) - Zborowski
- Freddy (Beech) - Behn
- Alex (Hazel) - Lovelace
- Patrick (Hazel) - Hadrian

Betsy and Chris in Hazel class were initially chosen but are absent so they will join us next term.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 24th February	
Tuesday 25th February	Hazel Class – Creative Folkestone Art Trip
Wednesday 26th February	
Thursday 27th February	
Friday 28th February	

Monday 3rd March	Rapid Fire Cricket Competition
Tuesday 4th March	Cross Country Competition
Wednesday 5th March	
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	

Monday 10th March	Beech class trip to Wildwood
Tuesday 11th March	Chestnut class trip to Wildwood
Wednesday 12th March	
Thursday 13th March	Pine class trip to Deal Castle
Friday 14th March	Oak class trip to Deal Castle

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 4 (Spring)	
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser)	Friday 21 st March
PTFA Quiz Night	Friday 21 st March
French Exchange (hosting)	Monday 31 st March to Friday 4 th April
Term 5 (Summer)	
Easter Services	Thursday 24 th April (morning)
Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser)	Monday 12 th May
Year 6 SATS	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
French Exchange (to Montpellier)	Monday 19 th May to Friday 23 rd May
Dare to be Different	Friday 23 rd May
Term 6 (Summer)	
Staff Training Day	Monday 2 nd June
Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser)	Friday 20 th June
Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)	Monday 23 rd June
Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)	Thursday 26 th June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Bridge Village Fete	Saturday 12 th July, 12pm to 4pm
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services	Thursday 17 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm